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LETTER SUBMITTING SWORN TRANSLATION

Sir:

Further to the Supplemental Amendment dated June 21, 2005, Applicant submits herewith a sworn translation of the Japanese priority application from which the subject application claims priority. In accordance with MPEP § 201.15, the Examiner should confirm for himself that Applicant is entitled to his priority date, after which he is respectfully requested remove to Takakubo as a reference.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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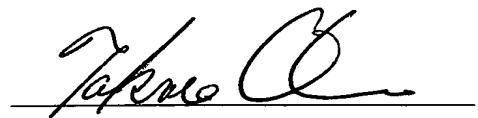
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## DECLARATION

I, TAKAO OCHI, a Japanese Patent Attorney registered No. 10149, of Okabe International Patent Office at No. 602, Fuji Bldg., 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, hereby declare that I have a thorough knowledge of Japanese and English languages, and that the attached pages contain a correct translation into English of the priority documents of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-350682 filed on December 3, 2002 in the name of CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005

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